

REMARKS

Claims 3-9 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice and/or disclaimer. Claims 8 and 9 have been added, and are directed to the subject matter previously presented in claims 1 and 2. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Arrangement of the Specification

The Examiner noted that the application was informal in its arrangement, and requested that a standard format be followed. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to include appropriate headings for the various portions thereof.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under §112, 2nd paragraph, as indefinite. Applicants have amended the claims in a manner believed to overcome this rejection. Specifically, the elements of the claims have been redefined—not narrowed—so as to comply with §112.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

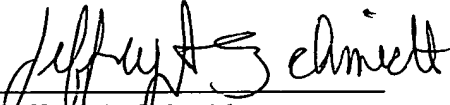
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the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

On page 1, before the 1st paragraph that starts “The invention relates to”, please insert the following new paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, after the 1st full paragraph that starts “Other elements can be fixed to the brackets”, please insert the following new paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 4, after the 3rd paragraph that starts “Other characteristics and advantages”, please insert the following new paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 4, after the 8th paragraph that starts “Figures 4 and 5”, please insert the following new paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 2 are canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a bracket according to claim [1] 8, the method [being characterized in that] comprising forming said bracket [is obtained] in a single operation, wherein said single operation is selected from molding, rotational molding, compression, injection molding, casting, thermoforming, stamping, forging, or machining.

4. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a bracket according to claim [1] 8, the method [being characterized in that] comprising forming the bracket [is made] by assembling together at least two pieces, wherein at least one of [which] said pieces is obtained in a single forming operation selected from molding, rotational molding, compression, injection molding, casting, thermoforming, stamping, forging, or machining.

5. (Amended) A bracket according to claim [1] 8, wherein said bracket is made essentially of a non-metallic material.

6. (Amended) A bracket according to claim [1] 8, wherein said bracket is made of a light metal or alloy.

7. (Amended) A goods-handling door including at least one bracket according to claim [1] 8.

Claims 8 and 9 are added as new claims.